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- AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GOBDON & GOTOH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. NEW YORK :- ANDREW WIND, 188, Nat-

sau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND :- GORDON & GOTOH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- BEAR & BLACK, San Fran-

CHINA: -- Swatow, Quelon & CAMPBELL, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDGE & Co. Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & Walsh, Manila, C. Heinezen & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK. ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars,

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-H. Hoppius, Esq. Deputy Chairman-F. D. Sassoon, Esq. AD. ANDRE, Esq. A. McIver, Esq. E. R. Belilios, Esq. S. W. Pombroy, Esq. Hop. W. KESWICE. ED. Tobin, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. EWEN CAMBBON, Esq. Shanghai,

LONDON BANKERS .- London and County Bank.

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED

N Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum. & per cent. 5 per cent. ,, ,,

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON, Ohief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No, 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. THAMPAGNE. MOET & CHANDON. GRAND CREMANT. Quarts \$18, Pints \$19. GRAND VIN-DE-BOURGOYNE.

CHAMBERTIN,..... \$15-per Doz. ROMANEE CONTI,...., 17 ,, RICHEBOURG,...., 17 ,, ,, Apply to ED. CHASTEL,

Queen's Road, Opposite Hongkong Olub. Hongkong, February 19, 1877. FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1674. HEIDSIECK & Co., MONOPOLE. DEETJEN & Co.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. FOR SALE. MUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s

Colobrated-Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.

Apply to SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE. TAR. FRITZ LANCKEN'S Interest and Rethe 31st December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE. TR. J. F. CORDES' Interest and Respon-IVI sibility in our Firm ceased on the Blot December last.

WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

NOTICE. THE Authority given Mr ALYRED HERTE to sign our Firm by Procuration has been withdrawn.

CARLOWITZ & Co. Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

NOTICE, WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSO-

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, February 3, 1877,

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

TAR. FEEDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his in-terest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorised to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton. STEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. N and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN. SARY will be carried on by the Under-

WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN. W. HULSE.

Canton, December 81, 1876.

Auctions.

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION. HE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions from Dr. GEO. Dobs, to sel by Public Auction, on FRIDAY.

the 2nd day of March, 1877, at 12 o'clock Noon, at his Residence, 2, College gether with a Statement of Accounts, to Gardens,---

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD to the 2nd March, both days inclusive. FURNITURE, consisting of: Drawing-Room Furniture in Walnut, made by Whittook and Finlay of Edinburgh Dining-room Furniture in Mahogany, by Finlay of Edinburgh; Brussels Carpets, Pictures, Glass-ware, Crockery, Bed-room Furniture, Books, Wines, &c.

A Semi-Grand PIANO, by Collard and HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK A SEWING MACHINE for Hand

or Foot, by Singer. A JARDINIERE, by Motzia of Lon-

LOBBY FURNITURE, in Blackwood.

One Parlour BILLIARD TABLE, with Balls, Cues, &c., complete. Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after THURS-

DAY, the 1st March. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at Purchasers' risk on the fall of the

hammer. J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

mc2 | THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

TO LET.

NTO. 3. PECHILI TERRACE, ELGIR STREET, with Immediate Possession. Apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. Hongkong, February 7, 1877.

TO BE LET. TITHE PREMISES No. 39, Queen's Road,

at present in the occupation of the BORNEO COMPANY. TURNER & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1677.

TO LET. sponsibility in our Firm ceased on TOUSE No. 7, Caine Road, lately occupled by Mr PARKER.

House No. 10, Albany Road, at present occupied by the Rev. R. H. Kind.

House No. 11, Seymour Terrace, at present occupied by Mr N. J. Eds, Furnished or Unfurnished.

DAVID BASSOON, SOMS & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

TO BE LET. THE Premises at present occupied by the

International Ice Manufacturing Co., For particulars, apply to

MEYER & Co. Hongkong, December 11, 1876.

TO LET.

THE Upper Portion of Nos. 42 and 44, Queen's Road.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIR & On Hongkong, November 17, 1876.

intimations.

FRICKEL

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

CELEBRATED BRANDY. This Brandy is well known in England, the Colonies, and India. The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries,

from Charente. Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

and are amongst the largest shippers

& GRENO'S POMMERY

"Extra

in Quarts and Pints, As supplied to the principal London Olubs:

Hongkong, January 5, 1877.

THE CHINESE INSURANCE COM-

PANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NTOTICE is hereby given, that the Sixth

HOLDERS of the above Company will be

Held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hong.

kong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd March, 1877

at 3 o'Clock p.m., for the purpose of re-

ceiving the Report of the Directors, to-

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS

are requested to send in an Account

of Business Contributed during the Half

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

D. GILLIES

Secretary.

will be UI OSED from the 16th February

31st December, 1876.

By Order of the Board,

Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors.

Hongkong, February 12, 1877.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING

CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

year ending on 30th December last,

at the rate of ONE POUND STERLING (£1)

per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and

after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at

the Offices of the Corporation, where Share-

holders are requested to apply for War-

HONGKONG.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38. Queen's Road.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS.

&c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately,

rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

TMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET

REQUISITES. PATENT MEDI-CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness.

and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,

Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

P. F. DA BILVA,

MENERAL COMMISSION AGENT,

TARAO and TAIWANYUU;

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

Hongkoug, May 1, 1876.

GHRO

THOMAS JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

&C₁,

By Order of the Court of Directors,

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

Hongkong, January 29, 1877.

Ordinary MEETING of the SHARE-

ROUYER

TREASURY BILLS. TENDERS of SPECIE, Mexican Dollars current in this Colony, weighing in exchange for Bills, drawn at 10 days' sight on the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, will be Received by the Tressurer until 11a.m. on WEDNES-DAY, the 21st Instant.

The Tenders to state the Total, Amount required, and the amount for which each Bill should be drawn; but no Bills will be Mail. issued for sums below £1,000. The Tenders to be in duplicate, in Scaled Covers, addressed to "The Treasurer," and endorsed "Tenders for Treasury Bills."

The right to accept, or reject, any or all Tenders is reserved. C. R. SHERVINTON, Lieut. Colonel. Assistant Commissary General.

Treasury Office, Commissariat Baildings, Queen's Road. Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

NOTICE. LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM

TRANSIT INSURANCE Co. Year ended 31st December, 1876, on or before the 28th Instant, on which Date the THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD

BROAD STREET, LONDON. By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT. Scoretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, London, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. 20, Uld Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1886. Capital,£1,000,000 Stebling. RESERVE FUND, 2 840,000

TATITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSUR-ANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LOND N & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIver as its AGENT in Hong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept GAUPP & Co... Risks and issue Polisies on behalf of the MARINE ENSURANCE Co. by any First Class

A. MoIVER. Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of Hongkong, February 18, 1877.

> NOTICE. PACIFIC MAIL B. S. Co.

DY Order of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Mair Steamship Coll-FANY, We have ASSUMED CHARGE of the COMPANY'S BUSINESS at this Port. Until Further Notice the Offices of the Company will remain at No. 18, Praya Ports.

Mr O. V. Smrn is authorised to sign Consular Invoices to accompany Overland Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco. For Security's sake Shippers of Overland Cargo are requested to endorse on the En-

velope the Marks and Nos. of Packages Shipped, to correspond with those in their Bills of Lading. RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

intimations.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE DE 1878.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the CONSULATE all Information and Particulars they may

For the Consul, G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul. Hongkong, December 18, 1876.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT.) The Steamship "ESMERALDA; Capt, THEBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 24th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent. Hongkong, February 17, 1877.

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO. The British Steamer " QAIRNSMUIR," due shortly from London and Singapore, will receive imme diate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, February 10, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "TIBRE,"

Comdt. DE GIRARD, will despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French H. DU POUEY,

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. NOTICE.

MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS. The Company's Steamship "ANADYR," Comdt. DE BUTLER, WILL be despatched for SHANGHAI

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

shortly after her arrival from Europe. H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 19, 1877. Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON. (If sufficient Inducement offers.)

The 3/3 L. l. 1. Russian Ship " VANADIS," WERLAND, Master, will load here and have quick despatch

as above. For Freight, Sugar or Measurement apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 6, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship " McNEAR, W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The 12 years 8/3 L. 1.1 Danish . C. GROVE, Master, will load au17 here, and will have immediate despatch as

> For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The British Back

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877. FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Barque "ALBATROSS." KOPPELMANN, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and have immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to

Wit. PUSTAU & Co. Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR LONDON.

A 1 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA," BLAKER, Master, will load here and have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

> FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship "ENGLAND'S GLORY," KNIGHT, Master, will load

here and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Notices to Consignees

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

Hongkong, January 2, 1877.

P. & O., S. N. Co.'s S. S. TRAVANCORE. fe24 ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the NIZAM and DECCAN, from London, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in

the Company's Godowns, at West Point whence delivery can be obtained from this Goods not delivered by the 21st Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded by the following Steamer, unless notice to the

contrary be given before Noon To-day. A. MoIVER, Superintendent. Hongkong, February 14, 1877.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Cairnemuir, Captain SPOWART, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, and stored in Messrs Norton & Co.'s Godowns whence and from the Boats or Wharf delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Yokohama, unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 24th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents. Hongkong, February 19, 1877.

NOTICE. THE BRITISH SHIP TYBURNIA. FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,

R. DU POURY,

Agent. 10

Hongkong, February I, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNRES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. Phis Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Ex Meikong, December 29th, 1876. ESD 15 bags White Wax. Er Ava, January 11th, 1877. THO No. 1/3, 2 cases Stores. GD No. 1, 1 case Paper.

OE, one box Sundries. Hongkong, February 7, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

Ex Amazone, January 24th, 1877.

MARITIMES. S. S. TIGRE.

MONSIGNERS of Cargo per B. S. "Euphrate," from London, in con-Captain Johnson, will have a nection with the above Steamer, are necessary quick despatch for the above informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Con-

signees, before To-DAY, the 9th Instant, at 6 p.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Understaned. Goods remaining unclaimed after THURS DAY, the 15th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

> H. DU POURT Agent

Hongkong, Pebruary 9, 1877,

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Intimations.

THE MEDICAL HALL. 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong, ESTABLISHED 1853. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor.

Hongkong, April 28, 1876. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES. PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

TROM This Date the Offices of this Agency are REMOVED to the Premises in the PRAYA CENTRAL lately occupied by Messis Gilman & Co., next to Messis RUSSELL & Co.'s Building.

H. or POUEY, Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E. B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co. NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque, Captain D. Bradford.-Arnhold, Karberg

Bonito, German barque, Captain J. F. . Wesenberg.—Siemssen & Co. Alben Besse, American barque, Captain | Chinese. 8. Noves.—Rozariot& Co. TYBURNIA British ship, Captain Robt.

Golden.—Meyer & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW. The Steamship Captain Punchard, will be Ports on THURSDAY, the 22nd Inst., Daylight, instead of as previously advertised. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, In their Sale Room, Praya Central, on

FRIDAY. the 28rd February, 1877, at 11 o'clock

An Invoice of Engraved and Cut Glassware, comprising; Engraved and Plain Cut Sherry, Port, Claret, and Champagne Glasses, Tumbiers, Soda Water Tumbiers, Carafes and Ups, Quart and Pint Decanters, Pickle Jars, Handsome Flower Stands.

All of which are now on view.

15 cases Heidsieck's Grand Vin Royal.

Champagne. 12 casks Washing Soda.

10 cases Safety Matches. 485 lbs. Perkins & Son's Soluble Blue

Violet Dye. TERMS OF SALE, -Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe23 SALE OF HORSES & CARRIAGES, &c., AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at the Stables, Government House, on

TUESDAY. the 27th February, 1877, at 4 o'clock

p.m.,---The following HORSES and CARRI-AGES, &c., the Property of His Excellency Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, &c., &c.

A Bay Australian Horse, Katamarang, | Jto -Carries a Lady, and quiet in Harness. A Black Australian Horse, The Snark, 5 years old, Carries a Lady.

A London-built Victoria with Pole, Shafts and Single Harness.

A Light American Waggon with Pole, and Fitted for Shafts. A quiet Pony, with Trap and Harness. The above may be viewed at Govern-

ment House Stables, till the time of Sale. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. fe27

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOROHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mall Steamer ALASKA. will be despatched for San Francisco. Via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and Bouth America, and to New York and EURODO VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi 3. S. Com-Porte, about same date, and make close connection at Yokehama. At New York, Passengers have selection

of various lines of Steamers to England. Franco and Germany. Freight will be received on board until 2.30 P.M. Correspondence for Japan br the p.m. 14th March. Parcel Packages

will be received at the office until 5 p.m. game day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full ; value of same is required. For further information as to Passage

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central. RUSSELL & Co. Agenta, Honghong, February 20, 1877.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS. Feb. 20, Tibre, French steamer, 1009 de Girard, Yokohama Feb. 13, Mails and General.-Messageries Maritimes. Feb. 20, Jacobine, German barque, 417

Hohlmann, Newcastle (N.S. W.) January 4, Coal.—Siemssen & Co. Feb. 20, H. M. S. Hornet, 464, H. N Hippisley, Focchow Feb. 18.

DEPARTURES. Feb. 19, Montgomeryshire, for Salgon, 20, Pau Tah, for Canton. 20, H.M.S. Audacious, for a Cruise. 20. H. M.S. Vigilant, for a Cruise.

20, Danube, for Bangkok. 20, Alphington, for Tientsin. CLEARED.

Paul Marie, for Newchwang. Norna, for Swatow. England's Glory, for London.

PASSENGERS. ARRIVED. Per Tibre, from Yokohama; for Hong-

kong, Mesars MacMaster and Hansen; for Singapore, Mr Lembsch; for Marseilles, Mesers W. Heise and Hunt. DEPARTED.

Per Montgomeryshire, for Salgon, 30 Chinese. Per Danube, for Bangkok, 10 Chinese.

TO DEPART. Per Norna, for Swatow, 150 Chinese. Per England's Glory, for London, 1

SHIPPING REPORTS. The German barque Jacobine reports First five days out had strong Northerly winds, after that Southerly and Westerly winds with fine weather to the Equator. On the 20th Jan., passed Stewart Island, and the 24th Jan. the Equator in 160 E. From there had variable winds and heavy squalls till the 2nd inst., on which day saw Tonapi Island, then got the N.E. trade winds. The last ten days of the passage had very unsettled weather and strong

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS will close:--

For YOKOHAMA .--Per CAIRNSMUIR, at 4.80 p.m. To-

Northerly gales.

morrow, the 21st inst. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.-Per YESSO, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 21st inst., instead of as previously

For COORTOWN,-Per KILLARNEY, at 1.80 p.m., on Monday, the 26th inst. Mails will be also closed for E. Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand, 8 cent rates,

In case of there being no steamer for Klungchow direct before Friday next, a mail will be made up for that port per H.I.G.M.S. NAUTILUS, on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 5 p.m.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET,-The French Contract Packet AMAZONE will be despatched on THURS-

DAY, the 22nd Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Marseilles; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Réunion Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria.

Ceylon must be prepaid. Such letters should be marked Faid to Galle only; they will go on from Galle as unpaid The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, dec. :--

Wednesday, 21st Instant .--Office closes except the Night Box. which remains open all night.

Thursday, 22nd Instant .--7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

addressed to the United Kingdom, Saigon, or Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

MAILS IN THE ENGLISH PACKET.-The English Contract Packet ZAMBES will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on TRURSDAY, The following will be the hours of closing

the Malls. &c. :-Wednesday, 28th February. -5 P.M., Money Order Office closes.

6 P.M. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night. Thursday, 1st March. -7 A.M., Post Office opens for

of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with

LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES

entirely. be posted on board the Packet with

Hongkong, February 3, 1877.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PAGEET The United States Mail Packet OOEANIC will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 3rd March, with Mails for States, and London, which will be closed as follows :--

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceason. 2.50 P.M. Post-Office closes. United States only may be

posted on board the Packet with Late Fes of 12 cents extra Postage tinti 2.50 P.M. When the Mail is finally closed. Correspondence must be specially directed for this route, and if not fully propaid

will be sent by British Packet. General Post Office. Hongkong, February 20, 1877.

General Memoranda.

THUBSDAY, February 22:--Daylight. - Yesso leaves for Coast Ports. Noon .- French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, February 23:-11a.m. -General Weekly Sale by Messre Lane, Crawford & Co.

SATURDAY, February 24:--Noon.—Esmeralda leaves for Manila. Goods per Cairnsmuir undelivered afterthis date subject to rent.

TUESDAY, February 27:-4 p.m.—Sale of Horses and Carriages, drc. at Government House. THURSDAY, March 1:-Noon,—English Mail leaves for Ports

FRIDAY, March 2:-Noon. - Sale of Household Furniture, at Dr G. Dods' residence, College Gardens. 8 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of The Chinese Insurance Co., Limited, at the

of Call and Europe.

Head Office, Hongkong. SATURDAY, March 3:--3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THUBSDAY, March 15 :--3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohams and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW

Tenders Close. 11 a.m.—Tenders for Treasury Bills received by the Assistant Commissary General.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, FEB. 20, 1877.

While we are quite ready to admit that

some improvements might be very well effected in our means for extinguishing Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA fires, in regard, for instance, to the supply by this Packet, but can be paid only of water on the higher levels of the as far as Ceylon. The postage to town, and the efficiency of the fireengines, yet we are scarcely prepared to advocate the elaborate system of alarms proposed by Mr Granville Sharp-at least, if the expense is to be defrayed out of the public funds. If the Insu-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post rance Companies see fit to introduce such a system here at their own expense why, in that case we would hail its advent with considerable satisfaction. Mr Sharp stated at a recent meeting of a Fire Insurance Company that we might have a fire here as serious as those we hear of in London and other large towns. 411.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) things do happen, it is true, but we are inclined to think, after all, that Hongkong does not offer as many facilities for large and devastating fires as many other places of an equal size. Then again our existing means for extinguishing fires are fe 22 by no means contemptible, putting aside the miserable supply of water on the higher levels, and will, we think, compare favourably with those of the majority of towns in England. Fires are naturally more destructive when they take place in a compact mass of buildings, than in a town which is long and straggling. Now, a glance at a plan of Victoria shows at once that the town consists of a comparatively narrow line of buildings, running along the edge of the water for a distance of somewhere about a couple of miles. The thickest, and what would be in a general way the most dangerous, portion of the line is where the Enropean houses are chiefly situated, but we venture to think there are few collections of buildings offering less facilities for the spread of fires than the European portion of this (11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) Colony. A very large proportion of the addressed to the United Kingdom buildings are detached or semi-detached Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may the streets are of a decent width, and the houses are built of solid masonry. Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, Compare Hongkong with the crowded and 11.50 AM., when the Mail is finally lofty buildings and narrow streets, through many of which there is hardly from that enough to squeete a fire-engine, of the City of London. In some parts of Taipingshan; no doubt; the houses are almost as close together as those in the metropolis, and the buildings are probably Japan, San Francisco, the United more Inflammable, but the valuable proparty of the Colony scarcely lies in Taipingshan, nor are we prepared to say that the occasional demolition of a few houses in that salubrious region is not productive of some benefits as well as evils. No doubt there is greater danger of fire with a Chinese population than with a Bellios, H. Smith, Newton, Morgan, Jack- not be considered out of place of calculated Johnny Robinson dismally wept up the stairs: foreign one; although the fact that there is 65th paratively little 666amon for household fires here, intest be taken as a setoff against this to some extent. On the

whole we can fairly come to the conclu-

ment, yet that the Colony would run no greater risk from confligrations than the majority of places at home, provided our supply of water was only as it should be. At the same time we do not say that Fire Insurance Offices might not with advantage to themselves, as well as to the public, adopt Mr Sharp's suggestions. But before the Government goes to the expense of erecting electric fire alarms all over the Colony, we should like Hongkong to have enjoyed a little of that commercial prosperity which Mr Sharp seems to anticipate so confidently. The unfortunate part of these improvements is that they cost money, and after expending the very nice little sum of \$212,000 on the Praya, we are not quite sure that the Colony will be prepared to institute electric fire alarms the necessity for which is at least somewhat doubtful.

LOUAL AND GENERAL.

Wm observe that the sailing day of the O. & O. S. S. Oceanic has been altered to the 3rd of March.

THE steamers Tigre, Oyphrenes, Ningpo, and Travancore arrived at Shanghai on the 19th inst, (yesterday).

H. M. S. Audacious left here this morning for heavy gun-practice, accompanied by the Vigilant. We understand they will both proceed shortly up the Canton River to lie in fresh water.

THE Band of the 28th Regiment will perform the following programme to-morrow evening :-

Quadrille..... Chaine de Fleurs Faust. Overture, Les Dragons de Villars, Maillart Reminiscences, Donizetti, Godfrey. Valse Pastoral Songs ... Baisquet. Selection,.....Bohemian Girl,.....Balfe. Carriage Song,.....Russian,.....Arr. Hurst.

APPEARANCES are in favour of most auspicious weather for the Race Meeting, and we trust that they may prove lasting. is worthy of note as a meteorological fact that the Barometer has never been known by old residents to reach so great a height as it did yesterday, viz., 80.610, as recorded by Messra Falconer & Co. The Thermometer marked 43 at the time, which is probably the lowest reading of the season on the Queen's Road level, and the unusual crispness and clearness of the air could not but be generally observed.

THE Cricket Match, Club v. the Coast Team, was resumed to-day, and great interest was shown in the contest. The Club have made the very creditable score of 460, and the Coast Eleven in one innings 110. The Club's men have acquitted themselves very creditably, especially Messrs Handley, D. C. Travers, Hynes, Walker and Griffith, who collectively made 218 runs this afternoon. The Team are very worthy antagonists, and it is due to very excellent fielding by our Eleven that they do not show a better chance of victory. Play will be resumed to-morrow, when the Coast Team will go to the wickets, but as they have to make 350 runs to secure a tie, they have all their

work before them. THE S. F. Alta gives the following record of the movements of Trans-Pacific steamers. to China and Japan, for 1876.

PACIFIC MAIL. The City of Peking made four trips from Hongkong and Yokohama, averaging 26 days from Hongkong and 17 days, 2 hours and 45 minutes from Yokohams. On the third of these she made the quickest trip on record up to that time— $\bar{2}2$ days, $1\bar{2}$ hours from Hongkong, and 15 days, 11

hours from Yokohama. Great Republic, three trips, averaging 34 days and 8 hours from Hongkong ; 23 days and 16 hours from Yokohama.

Alaska, two trips, averaging 83 days from Hongkong, and 22 days from Yokohams. In addition, the City of Tokio, China and Colorado made one trip each in 35 days, 38 days and 34 days from Hongkong, and 20 days, 25 days and 23 days from Yokohama respectively in the order mentioned. making a general average of 31 days and 16 hours from Hongkong, and 20 days and 23 hours from Yokohama.

ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL STRAMSHIP Co. Belgio, four trips, averaging 28 days and 12 hours from Hongkong, and 19 days and 6 hours from Yokohama

Oceanis, four trips, averaging 25 days, 1 hour and 20 minutes from Hongkong, and 15 days, 21 hours and 20 minutes from Yokohama. On her last trip, arriving December 24th, she completed the best passage on record-22 days and 54 hours from Hongkong, and 14 days and 15;

bours from Yokohama. Gaelie, four trips, averaging 28 days 8 hours from Hongkong, and 22 days from Yokohama, General average, 27 days, 5 hours and 20 minutes from Hongkong, and 17 days, 15 hours and 15 minutes from Yokohama, making a difference in favor of old one altered and added to so admirably the O. & O. S. S. Company, as against the Pacific Mail Line, of 4 days, 10 hours and 40 minutes on the trips from Hongkong, and 8 days, 7 hours and 54 minutes on the the Yokohama trips.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The eighth ordinary annual meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held at the Offices, 7 Queen's Road. this afternoon. There were present, the Hon. W. Keswick (in the chair), and Mesars J. J. Remedics, Manger, Barnes, Andre, son, Rhodes, Mosely, Just, Descon, Cozon, Hoppius, Page, Bell, Fairbairn, Cope, Leith and E. Alford.

gone on well with the Company. We know of no losses that have been incurred in addition to the few mentioned in the report as having taken place at Shanghai in Janu-I have only to congratulate the shareholders on the continued prosperity of

the Company, and to move the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr Belilios: I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman: The next business is to vote the remuneration to the Consulting Committee.

Mr Newton: I have much pleasure in proposing that the usual remuneration be given to the Consulting Committee. Mr Hoppius: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion. Carried unanimously,

remuneration to the Auditors. Mr Barnes: I propose that the remuneration to the Auditors be \$150 each. Mr Morgan: I second the motion.

The Chairman: The next business is th

Carried unanimously. Mr Smith: I beg to propose that the Consulting Committee, consisting of Messrs J. J. dos Remedios, Nicaise, André, Barnes and Manger, be re-elected.

Mr Mosely seconded the motion. Carried unanimously, Mr Andre proposed that the Auditors Messrs Henry Smith and A. Coxon, be re

Mr Manger seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously. The Chairman: That closes the general business of the meeting. Dividend warrants will be issued to-morrow.

Mr Barnes i On previous occasions it has been customary to make some acknowledgement of the services which the Secretary has rendered to the Company, and I think it is very fitting that that custom should be adhered to on the present occasion, especially as Mr Alford intends going home shortly and the usual gratuity will therefore be doubly acceptable to him.

therefore to propose to you, gentlemen, that we make Mr Alford a present of \$500 Mr Belilios : I have pleasure in seconding the motion. Carried unanimously.

Mr Belilios i Before we separate I hav a resolution to submit to the meeting. is the same that was placed before the shareholders of the China Fire Insurance Company by Mr Sharp a few days ago, and I do not think it will be necessary for me to go over the remarks that he then advanced in support of it A report of his speech appeared in the papers, and I endorse every word which fell from him. I will only add that in my opinion there does not exist sufficient appliances for extinguishing fires in houses above the level of the Queen's Road : in fact we depend a great deal on our fresh water for extinguishing fires, and it cannot be denied that it is not abundant in quantity. We, as inhabitants of this place, feel the want of it, and in the event of a fire taking place in the dry season in a place above level of the Queen's Road, I do think there are appliances in the place utilise sea water. Should steps be taken in the matter, something should be done to have appliances sufficient to make use of the salt water upon any fire ccourring abov the level of the road in question. I move "That the Directors be requested to confer

and co-operate with the Board of the China

Government with a view to the provision

of further means to prevent and extinguish

Fire Insurance Company and the

Mr Hoppius: I have great pleasure is seconding the motion. The Chairman: I may say in reference to this motion that as General Managers we shall be only too happy to assist, so far as we possibly can, in the furtherance of the object of this motion. It must be obvious to everyone that the means for extinguishing fires are anything but adequate, and as Mr Belilios has pointed out, all the town above the Queen's Road would be at the mercy of any great fire that might take place in it I do not agree with all that has been stated on the subject in rezard to the appliances that are necessary. What we have to consider most of all in making provision against fire is really the supply of water. There ought to be a reserve of water along the high levels of the town and also a reserve of fire engines always ready at the stations to be brought out at a moment's notice. think that if means were taken to provide this, that the risk from fire would be very greatly reduced. Alarms and other means of communication are very useful, but we want something that can be made use o when the alarms are given. So far as this

resolution goes, we shall be happy to work in accordance with it. Carried unanimously. Mr Belillos i I have to propose a vote of thanks to the General Managers and members of the Consulting Committee for the satisfactory result of their operations during

the last year. Carried by acclamation. The proceedings then terminated.

THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC PER-

FORMANCE. The piece chosen for the second representation of the season last night was the A hundred years old, Sirs, as everyone knows; well-worn, but by no means thread-bare, burlesque of "Aladdin, or, the Wonderful Scamp," which on this occasion might with very great propriety have been called "the Wonderful Vantp," for as presented it was that it created all the laughter and applause Poor Huffam in black looking awfully blue, that any more recent production could possibly have done. As if dubious of its reception after being so often played in Hongkong some of the actors made allusion to this weak point in their entertainment, probably with the view of taking the wind out of the When a Brigand stalked in, they all whispered sails of adverse criticism, but thanks to the exertions of the principle characters, and particularly Widow Twankay, no regret was felt on the score of want of novelty; the Whole piece being almost rewritten and plentifully interspersed with local hits and allusions either epoken or sung. To pass Conghtrie 'd rigged himself up in Pope Honnes the actors in friendly review is now our intention, and if we cannot award praise all | And with Hennessy's * * had coloured his round we trust a little plain speaking may

to injure sensitive feelings. The Sillian was played by Mr McClashah My son's wife, Miss Haden, quite shocked her with even more than his usual care, and The notice convening the meeting was though the part was tather lugubrious on By rolling about as a jolly "Jack Tar," the whole, a yein of comicality was infused And a "Cue-Case" was seen stalking straigh The Chairman | Gentlemen, with your here and there which made the character a sion that although our means for ex- permission we will, as usual, take the great success. The sollloquies were remark. With Hassell inside, body, arms, legs, and all,

tinguishing fires are open to improve report as read. I am happy to say there ably well delivered, and the jokes and hita is very little to add to what is tated in the (some of them slightly personal, by the way) report. Si ce it was issued everything has were made to tell without any of that undue action or grimace so frequently indulged in even by professionals.

The Vizier, Mr Alfred, was a small part capitally rendered, and the make-up of the face was quite wonderful. Pekoe, Mr Palmer, was not quite at his ease during the earlier scenes, but he improved greatly towards the end and played with considerable spirit in the last portion of the piece. We must confess to a little disappointment in that a certain constraint or want of ease in this promising young actor's movements is not wearing away with time, as we hoped it would. With a little more natural abandon he would make a really good "walking gentleman," a department not at all well filled in our corps. Aladdin was played by Mr Siwel, and though he evidently tried hard to do so he could not" at all identify himself with the part. To those who remember this young gentleman's former success it was painful last night to see the disadvantages under which he la. boured. His get-up in his first entrance was very ill-advised and was anything but comic. indeed was somewhat repulsive as far as the marks of barbarous surgical treatment on the neck were concerned. The incongruity of the "high falsette" song, "Thy Voice is near," in the Cave Scene was very marked also, and it should have been either omitted or changed for one more in keeping with the burlesque. Altogether we regret that this deservedly favourite actor should have appeared to so little advantage last night, Abanazar, Mr Hawkins, was another good man in an unsuitable part. This centleman requires for the full exercise of his abilities a rollicking burlesque female character supported by equally rollicking male parts. To invest him with the dismal robes and rôle of a magician is to quench all his enthusiasm and "go," therefore it would be unfair to judge him as he appeared as Abanazar. The "Slave of the Lamp" and "Genius of the Ring" did their best in parts that afforded little scope for the development of any great amount of genius. The Widow Twankay is one of Mr Traeb's greatest successes, and from first to last was a finished piece of low comedy acting such as probably no actor in the world could excel. This is high praise, but we think it is deserved. In the scene where Aladdin's Palace is spirited away, and again in the last scene, the humour of his bye-play was perfect, it never flagged for a moment whilst the jokes, uttered as if unconsciously. and the hits delivered as if they were any thing but the rather severe digs they often were, were delivered with an innocence that was quite charming, in fact, engage It is rarely that such good acting is seen. The Widow's make-up was, as usual. perfect, and her first appearance set the house in a roar. Princess Badroulbadour was played by Miss Sydenham very prettily. It is a part that calls for the exercise of no special talent, and is rather unworthy of the actress, but it was pleasantly conceived and carried out, whilst the young lady was so pretty that it was a treat to see her on the

Great praise in due to Mr Pinazzi, the musical director and accompanyist, for the effective melodies he adapted or composed for the occasion, and the graceful way he accompanied the singers on the pianoforte also to the scenic artists, Mesars Kerr and

The following are a few of the best of the local hits made during the evening :-

PRINGESS Pa! I'll work for you. I skate like winking ! I'll go and teach the Hongkong ladies rinking, Teach them to struggle round St. Andrew's Hall, And those who tumble gracefully to fall. And Pa, dear, though 'tis true I'm but a minor. I'll make believe I'm well up in old China Stock a swell store with dear and ugly things, And set up as a rival to Lock Hing's. You only want some rubbish to begin it. Depend upon it, Pa, there's money in it. I'll grow potatoes of enormous sizes And at the next Show go for money prizes! Or as a last resource, by way of making A mere existence, I might washing take in. Tho' a princess I scour like any scrub

Nor shrink at washing, no, nor pail (pale) at tub! (aside) don't think much of Mr Collings' scheme Who's going to wash us all our clothes by steam!

WIDOW TWANKAY-Belilios invited us to dinner too Aladdin said that ladies weren't to go But I said "Yes, I would," and so I went How should I know what "a la Garsong" meant! We ha'n't been asked to Government House;

Sir Arthur's busy packing up his traps. I The time alas is drawing very nigh When I shall have to call and say "good bye!" Adding good voyage, and good wind, good water, Both to Sir Arthur and his charming daughter. I'm sure that every body here, who knows him, Is very sorry we're about to lose him : And when he leaves us I can only hope We'll jog along as pleasantly with Pope,

Free from disaster, typhoons or tornadoes Or rows like those which happened in Barbadoes. THE WIDOW Sings-And now that my son is so awfully grand I'm asked out to dine with the best in the land, But of my invitations the best fun of all Was the "Tarantula Silk, Satin, Calico Balt." The ladies all looked most uncommonly nice. Especially those who were rigged out by Price : It don't become me to say who was "the Belle," But everyone said I looked awfully well.

Creagh, Walker and Wilson put on their old Sir Arthur was togged as an African Swell. And Forbes had moustaches, which wouldn't stick

What Dalrymple came as I'm not very sure, But O'Brien was suitably dressed as "the Cure! And Pomeroy there, in a nice quiet place, As a big black "Tom Cat" set a washing his face. if not quite a new piece at least it was an There was Coron as "Cupid" a sucking his And Lowcock a " China Boy" serving out rum,

> And what Keswick was dressed as, I'm hanged it he knew. The men-of-war's crows were all cent to bed tight For their officers wanted the men's suits that " who's that?" It must have been Ayres from the size of the hat A dentist, well-known to you all without doubt: Represented a very bad bottle of Stout

Representing " ten paid-up distillery shares."

And the ladies from A. MacG: Heaton all range

Declaring they hated a " double-faced man,"

" philabeg." Boulouze made a strapping Corean Hussar, Belilios appearing as "Ali Baba," And to make all complete following close in his

Were the "Forty Thieves" well represented in McEwen's queer costume made everyone gasp,

He looked like a "Zebra" much more than a And the "Corsican Brothers" from the Club · both walked down. They told me 'twas Ryrie and Thomas Marsh

If I named all the dresses 'twould take me all Though most were tame studies in black, or in

But I heard on all sides the same verdict by all Well I never before has there been such a Ball !

The EMPEROR sings .-If your son is so awfully oute, mum, And in racing an interest takes, Can he tell me beyond all dispute, mum. Who will win the Colonial stakes?

The WIDDER replies .--He says it's not Tip nor Cassandra, Rapid Rhone, Babe, nor Jim Crow the dark, Newstead, Dynamite, Warlook nor Claymore, But 'twill be between Hastings and Snark (Chorus) Then he must be most awfully

The Princess then sings .-If your son for such things has a knack, mum, He'll of course tell the lady he loves The names of the ponics to back, mum, To win many pairs of new gloves.

The WIDDER sings .-The Ashley Cup, Kreutzer he may take; Northern Light for the Derby's the thing; The Foochow's a moral for Daybreak; For the Merchant's Cook Robin will sing (Charus) For yes, he's so awfully clever, &c. The Banker's will be Soldanella's, The Exchange will to Wanderer go. The Professional's of course Masaniello's Unless the judge calls out Bravo; Moss Trooper will win the Exchange, Miss. For the Challenge Deception's the talk, In the Champions 'twill be very strange, Miss, If The Doctor don't win in a walk. (Chorus) For you know he's so awfully clever

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. O. May.) 20th February 1877.

PETTY THEFT. Chan A-foon, a coolie, was charged by a married woman named Koo A-tak, with stealing a pair of trousers which were hung out to dry. The prisoner was identified as having been twice in gaol before. He was now sent to three months' hard labour.

A PHILOLOGICAL INSULT.

Tong Sow Lin, the master of a cargo boat, and Mok A-kum, a boy, were charged with assaulting one Lai A chune. The 2nd defendant and another boy were fighting when the complainant went to separate them. The 1st defendant then interfered and struck the complainant with a pole, knocking out four of his teeth, which necessitated his admission into the Hospital until this morning .- P. C. No. 441, Tsoi A-chine, gave evidence to prove the arrest of the defendants, but in doing so, he despribed the foreigner who captured the 2nd defendant as a "Hung Mo Yan" or "redhaired person." The Magietrate thereupon censured the Policeman for this insult and find him \$1 .-- As to the original charge of assault, the 1st defendant said the 2nd defendant and another boy were fighting, and the complainant went to separate them. The 2nd defendant and the complainant had a struggle with the latter on the possession of a boat "fender" used by the 1st defendant to protect persons going to and from the boat to the wharf. The 2nd defendant threw a piece of tile and caused the damage to the complainant's mouth. The case was remanded till the 21st for the attendance of Mr Mallory.

> ·SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before Mr Justice Snowden.) February 20, 1877.

The cases before Mr Justice Snowden this morning were few and not of very much importance. Chung Chi and others v. Choy Poon, \$400.30.-Mr Sharp, for the defendant,

made an application for a week's postpone-Mr Dennys, who appeared for the plaintiffs, objected, as the defendant was removing his property from the Colony. Ultimately his Lordship allowed the postponement on security being put in for

The Court rose shortly after noon,

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS. (Before His Lordship the Obief Justice Sir John Smale.) 20th February, 1877.

LARUENY AND RECEIVING. Regina v. Lee Achow and 5 others. The prisoners were indicted on two counts for stealing and receiving a quantity of table cutlery, statuettes, vases and other things, the property of Mr J. M. Alves, a clerk in the Harbour Master's Departs ment, on the 11th January last.

The Hon, the Attorney ceneral prosecuted, and Mr Kingemili, instructed by Mr Brereton, appeared for the 5th prisoner. The following Jury was empanelled !-Messrs Thos, Wm. Fowles, J. A. Blogg, Wm. B. Spratt, L. Mendel, S. J. Crutch. D. B. Grant, and W. R. Loxley.

The facts of the case were these. The first four prisoners were in the service of the prosecutor, i.e. to say, the 2nd prisoner was the husband of his Amah. On the 11th January last the prosecutor and his wife went out to dinner and did not return home until late at night. When he got up next morning, he found that a robbery had occurred during the night, and there were no marks of forcible entry. He therefore suspected his servants and had them arrested. There was no direct evidence against them, but it was for the Jury to say, the Attorney General observed, whether they were engaged in the robbery or not, having grants into the country with the object of regard to the evidence of the case. After giving the servants into custody, the prosecutor went round to the furniture dealers

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them a description of the articles he lost, | determined upon making the experiment | party. requesting them at the same time to give of bringing free Chinese, under contract, such things to them for sale. He went an order for 500 laborers. Shaved his whiskers and used them for his first to the 6th prisoner's shop, where nothing took place, and he then went to the chant steamer Moctezuma, cap ured by the 5th prisoner's shop and had a conversation with the prisoner. While they were in proach of the Spanish war steamer Jorge conversation, a man brought a basket into the shop, and the 5th prisoner was seen to make signs to him. The man then took the basket into the 6th prisoner's shop. The presecutor followed him thither, when the basket on being uncovered, was found to contain the things stolen from the prosecutor. The police were sent for, and a further conversation took place between the presecutor, the 5th prisoner and the Police, in consequence of which all went to a watchmaker's shop, but the man could not be found up to the present time. The proposition has been very carefully kept question for the Jury to decide was whether | secret, but its general and most important the 5th prisoner was concurred in the robbery and whether he was receiving with a Senate shall on the day of the counting of guilty knowledge, and also to say whether | the vote meet with the House in the hall the 6th prisoner was assisting the 5th in of the latter body. The Vice President the receiving.

Evidence was then taken, and in the course of the hearing, the 2nd prisoner was discharged, there being no evidence against

The Chief Justice summed up in favour of the prisoners, and elucidated very explicitly the law of receiving. The Jury found all the prisoners not guilty. The Sessions were then adjourned till 10 a.m. to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JURIES AND JOOKEYS. To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL." Hongkong, Feb. 20, 1877.

SIR.—Our Chief Justice has always shewn himself rather considerate towards the jurers, and of this his Lordship has given an unmistakable proof this morning in the "dialogue" which he had with our new Attorney General, as to the further attendance of the jurors. "According to contract" one gentleman had to serve today on the jury, as he was excused yesterday; and bearing in mind what Hon kong Races are, his Lordship very properly took our carnival into consideration, as well as what the late Judge Ball used to forget always, "mail day," that is to morrow. Our new Attorney General-who, by the way, speaks in a very low voice to be properly heard, his Lordship himself had to raise up his wig to follow the Attoney General in his opening speech (how easily the late Mr Anstey used to be understood)-cannot of course realise what Hongkong Races are, no doubt forming his estimate of the sport by the standard by which the Singaporeans hailed the meeting.

In the days gone by no session was held in February, which was I think done in consideration of the double events-Chinese New Year and the carnival of Races. And when now it so happens that there is not a single case on the calendar some months—a state of things on which all from the Chief-Justice to the Police Inspector have cause for congratulation -sessions are held in February. Cannot this be avoided next year, when our Australians can be better depended upon 1

Yours, &c.

AMERICAN NEWS. Albany, Jan. 3.—Boss Tweed is utterly broken down at last and ready to make any terms to bring his troubles to an end. may safely be predicted that he will surrender all the property still within his control and make a clean breast of the whole ring business to some prudent, trustworthy representative of the prosecution.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The President has recognized Yanaglyo Kenturo, as Consul of

Japan at San Francisco. New York, Jan. 3.—Great excitement exists here among Cubans on account of the rumor that the mail steamer Nuevo Cubano, plying between the Island of Pines and Batabano on the south shore of Cuba, has been captured in similar fashion to the Moctezuma. The run between these ports is made in twelve hours, and at last accounts the Nuevo Cubano had been out five days. She had on board a large number of political prisoners, who were being sent from the Island of Pines to work at the reconstruction of the Trocha in the Central Department.

New York, Jan. 4.—Commodore Vanderbilt died at 10.50 this morning, he remained perfectly conscious to the last moment of his life, and died almost without a struggle. Ever since Tuesday it has been apparent that he could last only a few days. At 4 this morning his condition became rapidly worse, and he expressed a desire to see the Rev. Dr. Deems, his spiritual adviser. bis family were sent for during the night, and when he died they were at his beside. Wm. H. Vanderbilt arrived soon midnight and remained to the end. his daughters and his wife were present. Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. arrived just before his father died. The funeral will take place next Sunday at 1...80 a.m. The news of the Commodore's death had little effect on the market, his death having been so long expected. Commodore Vanderbilt owner of securities having a present market value of about \$95,000,000, and of this total fully \$55,000,000 consisted of stock of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad.

New York, Jan. 8 -Arrived, steamship Glenearn from China. New York, Jan. 9. - The Washington special says: It is understood that Colonel James R. Obeirne, Washington correspondent of the New York . Herald, is about to challenge Wm. J. Murtagh, proprietor of the Washington Republican, to fight a duel The offence consisted of a charge in the Republic n that gamblers had bought off

the Washington correspondent of the He-Berlin, Jan. 11,-This city returns to Parliament four Progressionists to four Socialists, and one National Liberal, von Forkenbeck, President of the last Parliament, Strapburg returns an Autonomist. At Frankfort the Democratic candidate leads the poli. The Socialists and Democrats have been remarkably active. They contested 128 out of 597 districts; and seriour misgivings are felt that they must have materially strengthened their representa-

New York, Jan. 11.—Advices from Peru state that Congress in the Lower House has approved the bill suthorizing the Executive to bring 100,000 European immicolonizing the districts lying along the headwaters of the Amazon.

Diopisio Detearo, who possesses one of the finest sugar estates on the coast has

any person into custody who should bring from San Francisco, and has already sent

Havana, Jan. 13. - The Spanish mer-Cuban insurgents, was burned on the anconst. " The Jorge Juan, picked up twentyfour of the former crew of the Moctezuma kept on board as prisoners by the Cubans. New York, Jan. 13.—The Times' Washington special says: The Electoral

Committees of the Senate and House had a long meeting this afternoon. Another meeting will be morrow. The proposition agreed on by the Senate Committee was under consideration. The bill on the formal draft of the outlines are known. It provides that the shall open all the certificates, and tellers appointed for the purpose shall, as usual, read the record and sum up the votes. But made. Where there is one return only was suspended from a spar, and sunk to commission or tribunal composed of nine members of the House and Senate and four Justices of the Supreme Court, the longest in service. The nine memb rs of the House and Senate are to be selected by the appointment of five Senators and five Representatives and then dropping one of them by drawing lots. There might thus be on the Commission five Senators and four members of the House, or five members and four Senators. The Justices who would become members of the Commission by the terms of the proposition would be Clifford, Swayne, Mills and Davis. This Commission is to be authorized to determine all questions of dispute, their decision to be final. The disputed votes having been counted in the presence of the House and Senate in accordance with the decision of the Commission, and the whole number of Electoral votes having been summed by tellers, the President of the Senate will announce the result in the usual form which will determine who is to be President

of the United States. London, Jan. 14.-A Vienna special says : Czeck Clubs in Prague are making arrangements for a public banquet to General Tchernayeff in that city. Incessant ovations take place there for Russia, and the authorities have decided to forbid street demonstrations.

The same correspondent says the Russian Government has temporarily suspended amnesty in the case of returning Polish | Chinese Exchange Shop in Homura Road. exiles. This action is evidently due to the At half-past five o'clock a foreigner went agitation among Polish emigrants, and the into the Exchange Shop of Cheng Zing at supposition that amnesty might be used for No. 186, and producing what appeared to Poland in event of war with the East.

rife here with regard to a Parliamentary he wanted, he replied "anything can do, rumor which is in circulation, that the but afterwards expressed a preference for and Lord Beaconsfield. It is believed the at No. 20, the Grand Hotel. The "feel' and a feft Centre, one under the leader- appearance a little suspicious, the moneyof the Marquis of Hartington.

treaty with Great Britain.

furnished to Packard and Nicholls :for Gubernatorial honors, by illegal means. vened on the call of any other citizen in accordance with law, and having judicial as well as ministerial powers, over the count of the votes in declaring the esult of the State election, have given certificates of election to the Legislature of the State. A legal quorum of each House holding such certificates, met and declared Packard Governor. Should there be necessity for the recognition of either Legislature,

(Signed) U. S. GRANT, President. New York, January 15th. - The Times says that, There has been considerable ! talk about holding a series of public meetings of the Democracy in the principal cities, and demanding that the House of Reprethis city within a fortnight.

it must be Packard's. You may furnish a

copy of this to Packard and Nicholls.

100 000 unarmed Democrats in that city on Hewitt . foses the scheme

them and they will be eventually lost. contest for the possession before Judge original note, or any person through whose tinsel, -within their crimson cotton over. Shaoffer, of the Third District Court, which hands it may have lately passed, will pro- alls, and blue called husser jacket how wes decided to day in invor of the English bably render good service to justice in com- peor and miserable a race is to be found.

mine in Utah for the past five years. London, Jan. 15 .- It is again stated that in London, on the receipt of news of nett was brought up before Mr. E. de Tilden's supposed election Confederate Bavier this afternoon at two o'clock and shoulders, footsore, clad in ill-fitting bonds were sold for 41 to 5 and under. Nubar Pasha, who retired from the head

Juan, and hereaptors fled to the Venezuelan |-Porte's offer of the Governorship of Bul- this afternoon. He has no papers to esta-The Russian army is said to be in a far British protection. A warrant is also out better condition than has been generally for the arrest of another person suspected

> against Turkey. Snow, Taylor & Sherwell, silk merchants those receiving money in notes to look o" Bristol, have failed. Their liabilities are reported at £80,000.

> > Japan. (Japan Gazette.)

Telegraphic intelligence was received today (Feb. 8th) by the British Consul that Wm. Smeaton, for ten years employed as messenger in the Oriental Bank Corporation, fe.l down dead in Kobe yesterday. ~ Capt. Barker, of the U. S. gun-boat Palos, has experimented successfully with there are to be counted in the first place a torpedo. The torpedo, one of the oldonly the returns to which no objection is fashioned percussion metallic-cased ones, from the State, and that is objected to, the |depth of 10 feet, and attached to the startwo Houses will determine whether it shall | board swinging boom of the Palos, being be counted out. The concurrence of both about 60 feet from the ship's side. The Houses will be required to reject any vote. charge, consisting of 59lbs. of powder, was Where two returns are made from one fired by means of an electric wire from the is in prison, and was privately examined by State, the dispute is to be referred to a punboat's deck, and a column of water about a hundred feet high was thrown up. while a shock was felt through the vessel. The U. S. S. Palos left this afternoon

(Feb. 12th), via Hiogo for Nagasaki.

Regulations for the admittance of accused

persons to bail, while their trials are pend-

ing have been promulgated. This is another and an important step on the part of the government towards a complete reform of the criminal jurisprudence of the empire. The British schooner Alerta, Captain Talbot, arrived in Yokohama this morning (Feb. 12th), from Takao with a cargo of sugar consigned to Messrs Walsh. Hall & Co. Before leaving Takeo the master of the Alerta was unable to procure the services of a second officer and was therefore compelled to start on his voyage without When eight days out from port the officer was taken ill ; and the entire navigation of the vessel devolved upon the captain. During the last sixteen days of the voyage a succession of severe gales was experienced, which necessitated the presence on deck of Captain Talbot both day and

ATTEMPT TO PASS A NOTE FORGED ON THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK. (Japan Gazette.)

A daring attempt to pass a counterfeit

note was made last evening (Feb. 6th) at a

the purpose of hatching conspiracies in be a note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, asked for charge. When asked by London, January 14th. - Speculation is the Chinaman in charge what sort of money Conservatives will divide into two parties, Japanese money. In answer to another in consequence of a well known difference question he replied that he had lately come adjourned. existing between the Marquis of Salisbury from Hongkong, and that he was stopping Liberals will soon be divided into a Left of the note not being satisfactory, and its ship of Gladstone, and the other under that changer made an excuse that, the amount being large, he had not the full change in Peshawur in the far north, from Tanjore Madrid, January 14th.—The Council of the house and would have to go and get it, and Southern Madras. In every tinge of Sept. 17, Palestine, from London to Hong-Ministers has approved the Extradition | He went immediately to the Hongkong | colour, and armed with every sort of weapon, Treaty concluded with the United States. and Shanghai Bank where he called a shroff, the strange warriors drifted along, staring Negotiations have been opened for a similar | who verified his suspicions that the note | and stared at, themselves spectacle and was a counterfeit. Mr. Cook, who was spectators in one. It would have been im-New Orleans, January 15th.—The follow- on the premises, was sent for and he at possible not to notice, as they passed, what ing was received last night, and copies once communicated with Mr. Walter, who a wonderful physical difference exists bewas at his house, 145 Bluff, and he, with tween the northerly and the southerly Washington, January 14th.—To General Mr. Haselwood, the Acting-Accountant, Indian peoples. The Pathans of the Cabul C. C. Auger, New Orleans: It has been the who also resides on the Bluff, came hills, with rosy cheeks and blue eyes, stalk policy of the administration to take no part promptly to the Bank. The man had through the crowded pathways veritable in the settlement of the question of the been detained in the Exchange Shop, and kings of men, surpassing by head rightful government of the State of Louisi- by half-past seven was given into custody shoulders all whom they meet. They walk ana, at least not until the Congressional on a warrant which had been procured by in laughing bands together, their perfectly committees now there have made their the Bank Manager from the U.S. Consul- set-up frames, their laughing jovial manner, report. But it is not proper to sit quietly General, and was taken to the Police by and see the State Government gradually Station. There he stated that his name thorough absence of Eastern timidity, taken possession of by one of the claimants was Antoine Williams; that he was an American; and demanded to see his Consul. of the closely packed bazaars. The Sikhs The Supreme Court set up by Nicholls General Van Buren, having been notified of can receive no more recognition than his desire, sent Mr. Elmer, the U. S. De- Jheend and Nabha, and all that band of any other equal number of lawyers con- puty Harshal, who brought the man up to the Consulate and lodged him in the gaol. us in 1857, they too are a fine race. Handof the State. A Returning Board, existing Before being locked up he stated that he somer than the Pathan, nearly as well-made had received the note from one Antoine in physique, but perhaps weaker in the Bennett, a Dane residing at No. 93. At the request of Mr. Walter, addressed to much may yet be expected. If they were Mr. Ernest de Bavier, the Acting Consul- | properly handled, such men on Bulgarian General for Norway, a warrant for the or Egyptian battle-fields would overmatch arrest of Bennett was issued to the Muni- most antagonists. The veritable Indian cipal Police, and Sergeant Loxton at once cossack, we shall find meanwhile among proceeded to his abode, where he arrived at | the rugged horsemen who form the retinues about a quarter past ten, and, finding the of some of the Rajoutana chieftains. Perman in bed, arrested and lodged him in the Police Station, having previously carefully | wild ferocity and utter innocence of military searched his place, where, however, he refinement, bear away the palm. To look found nothing to incriminate him. Ben- at, their horses are poor and scraggy, innett is a photographer! Williams is a nocent of the grooming art, and shaggy as sailor; and both men were at one time; their riders, but few regular cavalry horses employed together in the Nevada, if not in other vessels of the P. M. S. S. Company. | these rough sowars. In the crowded Delhi sentatives take an active part in counting The note has been manufactured thus, streets they prick about on their sorry the Electoral votes, and that whoever is The front and back have each been nags, heedless of all traffic rules; their long declared by the House to be elected shall photographed on albuminised paper, such and rather nasty-looking lances glittering be inaugurated. It is also said that a mass as is in common use by photographers, and in the sunshine; their eyes fixed on the meeting of this character will be held in and then the two sides have been carefully rich merchandizes displayed in the shops, pacted together. All, to the shroff's stamp, and thinking probably that it would soon The Washington Union discountenances is there. This and the four "\$500" disappear if they had their way. The fol-Watterson's proposal for the assemblage of | marks on the front have been painted in | lowers of the Tehree Rajah, hillmen on sturdy red by hand, and the green design on the hill beacts are also noticeable, presenting February 14th, to demand a fair count, and back has been most elatorately worked in as they do an example of a rare phonomesays it finds but few advicates there in the same way, the whole forgery being non, that of a highland race figuring on quite eleverly enough executed to be dan- horseback. Of the soldiery that follow Jan. 15 - The present break | gerous: The "feel" of the counterfeit, | many of the mid-country chiefe little is to in the river has been the most however, is perceptibly different to that of be said. Too often they are more tag rag disa. ous on record, not only at this place, a good note, and now the coloring has been and bobtail, khitmutghars on dak gharri but at almost every point between here and rubbed and smudged, clearly showing that horses, dangerous only to themselves. They Pittsburgh. The lowest estimated damages | it had been painted on. Further the sharp | are interesting to the military archæologist, here is \$ 60,000, the highest \$400,000. sides of the figures, and especially the however, as preserving still in wear, every The heaviest losses seem at this writing to minute and numerous "five hundred be with deal dealers. There were seventy- dollars" which go to make up the opaque experimented with since the days of Clive. five loaded, and one hundred and fifty band bisecting the note, have suffered in One chief appears with a bodyguard in the empty barges sunk or carried away from distinctness in the process of photographic the laudings at this place. Most of those transmission; but still, in a dim light, and of Ochterlony still survives; the vile designs not actifully sunk have been left in such perhaps in daylight without a close in that in 1828 frightened the Burmese soldiers a condition that nothing can be done for epection, it might pass among Japan. so much as the round shot, are here still to ese or even Europeans; though an ez-Salt Lake, Jan. 16. -About two weeks perienced Chinese money changer would ago the English stock holders of the Flag- probably detect the imposition in the dark. staff mine sent A. G. Hunter to take charge The number, in the forgery is 0494 | the of their property, it having been under the date 25th October, 1874! the signatures are management is several years past of J. N. those of J. G. Hodgson, Acting Account-H. Patrick. Upon his arrival here, Stunter ant, and T. Jackson, Manager; and the obtained possession of the mine, through note purports to issue from the Yokohama is well to the front. The uniforms are an attachment of the Justice's Court at Branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai there, but where are the men.? Behind Alta, since which time there has been a Banking Corporation. The holder of the their tawdry dresses, their miserable

Williams has been remanded by the U.S. after a private inquiry of some length remanded to gaol: another man, named of the Egyptian Ministry, has accepted the Hansen residing at 1 9, has been arrested blish his nationality; but he formally claims supposed, and incomparably fitter to take to be implicated in the forgery. It is feared that more of these forgeries of various the field than in any former campaign amounts may be in existence; so it behoves closely at what may be tendered to them. Indeed it is stated that some counterfeits

have been successfully passed in Tokio. There is reason to believe that all the persons concerned in the forgery of Hongkong and Shanghai bank notes-for it is now said that eight notes each of \$500 have been counterfeited in the manner we described yesterday—are in custody. Peter Gerhard Hansen, a Dane by birth, who was arrested yesterday (Feb. 7th), declaring that he was a naturalized British subject and amenable only to British jurisdiction, will be brought before the Acting Consul tomorrow. A female servant of his was examined to-day, but it appears that little information was elicited from her beyond the fact that Hansen and Bennett frequently locked themselves up together in a room. A fourth man, also named Hansen a Swede, Mr Van Oordt, Consul for Sweden and Norway, this morning. We understand that some, at least, of the accused have Bombay. 229 confessed their guilt. A minute search by Calcutta, 229 the Municipal Police of the premises Shanghal, demand, 732 occupied by Bennett, resulted yesterday in two more \$500 counterfeits being discovered | Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., in a crack in a table in his room. If the admission that eight notes were fabricated is correct, there are still five unaccounted for, which there is reason to believe are in Tokio, where efforts are now being made to trace them.

Peter Gerhard Hansen was charged before H.B.M.'s Consul on Monday Feb. | Hongkong Bank, 25 % ex div. 12th on the information of Mr Hazelwood, H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$5721 Acting Accountant of the Yokohama branch | China Fire Ins. Co., \$168 of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking | China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1900 Corporation, with feloniously forging a certain bank note of the value of five hundred dollars, and attempting to utter the same with the intention of defrauding the said Hongkong and Shanghai Bank; and also with unlawfully and wickedly combining and conspiring with certain other persons, to forge and utter the said bank-note with intend to cheat and defraud the said Bank. ing Corporation. At the request of the Counsel for the prosecutor the prisoner was also charged with forging, uttoring, aiding and abetting, with intent to defraud, a bank-note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$500; and with conspiring with other persons to forge and utter such bank-note and thereby to

F. Beato sworn 1-1 reside at No. 57. have had much experience in photography and for many years have carried on the business of a photographer. The notes produced have been photographed; the numbers and backs were photographed first and coloured afterwards. They were produced in the ordinary way.

After further evidence, the Court was THE NATIVE TROOPS AT DELHI. All India contributed specimens of her variegated soldiery. They came from their cold and fearless gaze, and the render them conspicuous even in the crowd also show well to the front. Followers of barons who did so much good service for lambs, they seem to be a people from whom haps, the following of the Tonk Nawab for could in a day cover as much ground as form of military dress which tailors have uniform of Lord Lake's day. The contes be seen. The historic costume of Maharaipore, and the Sikh wars in still in favour with many petty lord who but lately emerged

great gathering. Madras, for variety of

design, glaring contrasts of colour and

bold attempts at copying modern dress,

This has been the most productive | ing forward and giving some account of it. | The Madras sepoy limping along with bare feet, and heavy ammunition shoes slung on Consul General for further enquiries. Ben- his musket, is a military caricature. Deficient in physique, with bent and narrow English tunic, and still worse trousers. the Madras sepoy looks of all men here the least fitted for service, and seems the representative of a decaying organization. Bombay, though open to eriticism, can show types far superior to this, but the nothern climate seems to try the Bombay men as well as the Madrassees very severely; and doubtless the repose of cantonment life will be welcome to them now the great gathering has been dispersed.—Englishman.

Quotations. Homekone, Feb. 20, 1877. OPIUM.-New Patna, cash... \$5821 a 5871 New Benaves, cash, 540 a 5421 New Maiwa, cash, 555 credit, 560 Allowance Tacis, 4 a 20 Old Malwa, cash, 570 credit. 575 Allowance Tacls. 12 a 24 QUIOKSILVER, ... SALTPETRE. Exchange. Bank, on demand, 4/21 30 days' sight, ... 4/21 6 months' sight, 4/3 Documentary, 6 months sight ... 4/31 30 days'.... 75 Mexicans, and the term of the Gold Leaf. English Sovereigns, Australian Sovereigns, ... 4.80 Discount, Shares.

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Oct. 5, Wega, from Hamburg to Chefoo. Oct. 8, Glamorganshire, from London to Hongkong.

Oct. 12, Omba, from London to Shanghal. Oct. 14, Sir Harry Parkes, from London to Hongkong.

Nov. 12, Lima, from London to Hongkong. Nov. 13, Rurik, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Nov. 16, Hydra, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Nov. 17, Eliza Shaw, from London to

Shanghai. Nov. 21, America, from Cardiff to Hong-

Nov. 28, Western Chief, from London to Hongkong. Nov. 28, Madura, from Cardiff to Hong-

Nov. 28, Hannah Law, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Nov. 28, New Era, from Cardiff to Hong. Dec. 4, Benclutha, from Cardiff to Hong.

Dec. 17, A. E. Vidal, from Hamburg to Hongkong.

Dec: 17, Carricks, from London to Honge

Dec. 19, Channel Queen, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Dec. 20, Chinaman, from London to Honge

Dec. 21, John Nichelson, from New York D.sc. 22, Sopaie, from New York to Hong-

Dec. 28, Ino, from Greenock to Swatow. Dec. 27, Undine, from London to Shanghal. Dec. 28, Antenor (str.), from London to Shanghai. Dec. 29, Ulycses (str.), from Liverpool to

Des. 19, Cansan, from Cardiff to Honge

Jan, 1, Hesperia (str.), from Hamburg (via London) to Hougkong. Jan. 4, C. R. Bishop, from London to

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